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CASE NO. 11074/009**

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In re: patent application of)	
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Koteskey, Gary L.)	Examiner: Unknown
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MOLDED SECTIONED RISER)	Group Art Unit: 3637
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Serial No.: 10/607,225)	Confirmation No.: 5907
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DISCLOSURE OF PRIOR ART UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.56

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Sir:

In connection with the examination of the above-identified application, the applicants, through the subscribing attorney, hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the enclosed list of prior art.

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While the attached list of prior art is believed to include the closest prior art of which the applicant is presently aware, the applicant does not represent that any search for prior art has necessarily been made nor that no better prior art exists. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of each piece of prior art listed is attached hereto. All the listed prior art is in the English language and therefore no explanation of its relevance is believed to be necessary.

The Examiner is requested to consider the listed prior art when evaluating the patentability of the invention claimed in the present application.

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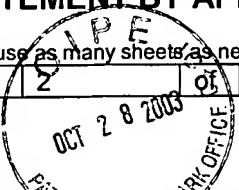
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